NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP LIBRARY (A Component Unit of New Buffalo Township)

FINANCIAL REPORT

With Additional Information

December 31, 2005

Authorizing CPA Signature

Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06) Auditing Procedures Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Members of the New Buffalo Township Library Board New Buffalo Township Berrien County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the New Buffalo Township Library as of December 31, 2005 and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of New Buffalo Township Library's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of New Buffalo Township Library as of December 31, 2005 and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The required supplemental information listed in the financial section of the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of New Buffalo Township Library. This information has been subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) included in the financial section of the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of New Buffalo Township Library. We did not examine this data and, accordingly, do not express an opinion thereon.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)

December 31, 2005

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of three parts - Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (this section), the Basic Financial Statements, and Required Supplemental Information. The Basic Financial Statements include information that presents two different views of the Library as follows:

- . The first two columns of the financial statements include information on the Library's General Fund and Capital Projects Fund under the modified accrual method. These fund financial statements focus on current financial resources and provide a more detailed view about the accountability of the Library's sources and uses of funds.
- The adjustment column of the financial statements represents adjustments necessary to convert the fund financial statements to the government-wide financial statements under the full-accrual method.
- The government-wide financial statement columns provide both long-term and short-term information about the Library's overall financial status. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Library as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Library's finances. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplemental information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A), CONTINUED

December 31, 2005

Condensed Financial Information

The Library's net assets increased by \$63,652 during 2005, ending the year at \$809,267. The table below shows the composition of the Library's net assets at December 31, 2005 and 2004. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$63,652 for the year ended December 31, 2005 compared to \$64,985 in the prior year.

Assets:	Decemb 2005	oer 31, 2004	Increase (<u>Decrease</u>)
Current assets Capital assets	\$514,002 295,265	\$440,720 304,895	\$73,282 (9,630)
Total assets	\$809,267	<u>\$745,615</u>	<u>\$63,652</u>
Liabilities: Current liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ </u>	<u>\$</u>
Net assets: Investment in general capital assets Designated for capital improvements Unrestricted Total net assets	\$295,265 501,102 12,900 \$809,267	\$304,895 430,128 10,592 \$745,615	\$(9,630) 70,974 2,308 \$63,652
Revenue: Property taxes Other	\$185,541 91,793	\$173,253 96,929	\$12,288 (5,136)
Total revenue	277,334	270,182	7,152
Expenditures	213,682	205,197	<u>(8,485</u>)
Change in net assets	\$ 63,652	\$ 64,985	<u>\$(1,333</u>)

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A), CONCLUDED

December 31, 2005

The Library as a Whole

- . The Library's net assets increased by \$63,652 this year compared to \$64,985 in the prior year.
- The Library's primary source of revenue is from property taxes, which represents 66.9 percent of total revenue as compared to 64.1 percent in the prior year.
- Salaries and fringes continue to be a significant expense of the Library, representing 61.6 percent of the Library's total expenses. Salaries and fringes increased \$5,561 over the prior year.
- Total income and expenses remained constant between the prior year and current year, even with the addition of depreciation expense, and the capitalization of capital outlays.

The Library's Funds

Our analysis of the Library's major funds is included on pages 6 and 7 in the first two columns of the respective statements, which are the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund. The Library Board has the ability to create separate funds to help manage money for specific purposes. The Library Board has set up the Capital Projects Fund to raise money for future expansion and/or construction of a new library building.

The fund balance of the major funds increased during the current year by \$73,282. The increase was favorable compared to the final amended budget by \$20,808.

Capital Assets

At the end of the fiscal year, the Library had \$808,336 invested in land, building, furniture and equipment, and books and materials. The Library added \$29,013 in new collection items consisting of new books, various audio/visual materials, and enhancement of the music collection. The Library also purchased furniture and equipment amounting to \$6,937 during the year, which consisted of computers, phone equipment, shelving and other miscellaneous items. The total amount of furniture, equipment, and collection materials disposed of had a cost basis of \$8,936 and a net book value of \$8,556.

NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP LIBRARY GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET / STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

as of December 31, 2005

	Governmental FundsBalance Sheet		
	Modif:	led Accrual	Basis
		Capital	
	General	Projects	
	<u> Fund</u>	<u> Fund</u>	_Total_
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$12,900	\$501,102	\$514,002
Capital assets, net of depreciation			-
Total assets	\$12,900	\$501,102	\$514,002
<pre>Fund balances / net assets: Fund balances - unreserved:</pre>			
Designated for capital improvements Undesignated	\$ - _12,900	\$501,102	\$501,102 12,900
Total fund balances	\$12,900	<u>\$501,102</u>	\$514,002

Net assets:

Investment in capital assets Restricted for capital outlay Unrestricted

Total net assets

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

GASB 34 Adjustments (Note 8)	Statement of Net Assets Full Accrual
\$ - 295,265 \$ 295,265	\$514,002 295,265 \$809,267
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295,265 501,102 12,900	295,265 501,102 12,900
\$ 295,265	\$809,267

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES / STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

for the year ended December 31, 2005

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	_Total
Revenue: Property taxes State aid Penal fines Interest on investments Book sales Contributions and donations Library fines and fees Other miscellaneous	\$185,541 5,659 60,976 2,504 1,792 - 8,045 842	\$ - - - 11,151 259 565 -	\$185,541 5,659 60,976 13,655 2,051 565 8,045 842
Total revenue	265,359	11,975	277,334
Expenditures: Salaries and fringe benefits Supplies Library books and materials Professional and contractual services Conferences, workshops, and travel Insurance and bonds Utilities Repairs and maintenance Capital outlay Depreciation Miscellaneous Total expenditures	125,718 12,373 29,221 6,475 3,427 8,321 7,271 2,669 6,349 	- - - - - - - - - - 1	125,718 12,373 29,221 6,475 3,427 8,321 7,271 2,669 6,349 - 2,228 204,052
Excess of revenue over expenditures / change in net assets	61,308	11,974	73,282
Operating transfers in (out)	(59,000)	59,000	_
Fund balances / net assets: Beginning of year	10,592	430,128	440,720
End of year	<u>\$ 12,900</u>	\$501,102	\$514,002

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

GASB 34	Statement
Adjustments	of
(Note 8)	<u>Activities</u>
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9,630	213,682
(9,630)	63,652
304,895	745,615
\$295,265	\$809,267

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2005

Note 1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

The accounting policies of New Buffalo Township Library (the "Library") conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies.

Effective January 1, 2004, the New Buffalo Township Library implemented the provisions of GASB issued Statement No. 34, Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) - and Basic Financial Statements - for State and Local Governments. Significant changes in the Statement include the following:

- A management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Library's overall financial position and results of operations.
- Basic financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Library's activities.
- A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to financial statements).

REPORTING ENTITY:

The New Buffalo Township Library was established under P.A. 164 of 1877, as amended. The Library is governed by a Board elected by public ballot from the Township Electorate. The Library is primarily funded through a tax levy, fines and fees, and charitable donations. Revenue is used to operate and staff the Library.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. Based on the significance of any operational or financial relationships with the Library, there are no component units to be included in these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

December 31, 2005

Note 1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) according to GASB 34 requires the reporting of two types of financial statements: Government-Wide Financial Statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide and fund financial statements are combined, with a reconciliation shown between them.

The Governmental Funds Balance Sheet / Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances / Statement of Activities combines information about the reporting government as a whole and funds statements to report its financial position and the results of its operations.

The Operating Fund is the only major individual governmental fund. For fund financial statements, the accounts of the Library are organized on the basis of funds each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise each fund's assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenditures. The following is a description of the funds included in the accompanying basic financial statements.

Operating Fund - The Operating Fund accounts for revenues and expenditures of the Library not required to be accounted for in other funds.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the financial resources to be used for the acquisition of major capital expenditures.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

December 31, 2005

Note 1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING:

The government-wide statements (the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Fund financial statements (the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances) are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING:

The Library Board annually adopts a budget for each of its funds. The budget is adopted on the basis of accounting described above. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or amended by the Board.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

The Library has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired.

CAPITAL ASSETS:

Capital assets are defined by the Library as assets with an initial cost of more than \$600 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straightline basis over the following estimated useful lives.

Building	20-50 years
Furniture and equipment	5-10 years
Improvements	10-20 years
Library books and materials	3-10 years

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

December 31, 2005

Note 1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONCLUDED.

USE OF ESTIMATES:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

COMPENSATED ABSENCES (VACATION AND SICK LEAVE):

The Library does not allow employees to accumulate vacation time, but rather, will pay out any remaining time at the end of each year. The policy for sick pay is dependent on the employment contract set up for each position. Sick pay can be accumulated depending upon the position held. The Library's Employee Policies and Procedures Manual is the formal authority on vacation and sick pay. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the Library does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the Library.

FUND EOUITY:

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designation of fund balance represents tentative management plans that are subjective to change.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

December 31, 2005

Note 2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS.

Deposits are carried at cost. The Governmental Funds Balance Sheet / Statement of Net Assets line item, "cash and cash equivalents" consists of cash on hand; cash, checking, savings, and certificates of deposit located at three Michigan banks, as follows:

		Fina	Financial Institution				
		Fifth	New Buffalo				
	Cash on	Third	Savings	Horizon			
Deposits	<u>Hand</u>	<u>Bank</u>	Bank	Bank	<u>Total</u>		
Cash on hand	\$250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250		
Cash, checking	-	-	2,880	2,899	5,779		
Savings Certificates of	-	103,033	103,186	67,238	273,457		
deposit			43,478	191,038	234,516		
	\$250	\$103,033	<u>\$149,544</u>	<u>\$261,175</u>	\$514,002		

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3 risk disclosures for the Library's cash deposits is as follows:

	Insured	Uninsured	_Total
Fifth Third Bank New Buffalo Savings Bank Horizon Bank	102,880	\$ 3,033 46,664 150,086	149,544
	<u>\$313,969</u>	<u>\$199,783</u>	\$513,752

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

December 31, 2005

Note 3. GENERAL FIXED ASSETS.

A summary of changes in general fixed assets is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions	Deletions	Balance End of Year
Assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Other capital assets: Building Furniture and	208,814	-	-	208,814
equipment	170,989	6,937	8,936	168,990
Library books and materials	396,519	29,013		425,532
Total	781,322	35,950	8,936	808,336
Less, accumulated depreciation	476,427	45,200	8,556	513,071
Net book value	\$304,895	\$(9,250)	<u>\$ (380</u>)	\$295,265

Note 4. CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK.

Financial instruments that potentially subject New Buffalo Township Library to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of temporary cash investments that exceed the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

New Buffalo Township Library maintains its cash balances and interest-bearing deposits in three financial institutions. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000 in the aggregate for all time and savings deposits; and up to \$100,000 in the aggregate for all demand deposits. The General Fund and Building Fund have separate insurance amounts.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

December 31, 2005

Note 5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES.

The New Buffalo Township Library receives a substantial amount of its support from local property tax revenues and state revenue-sharing and grants. A significant reduction in the level of this support, if this were to occur, may have an effect on the Library's operations.

Note 6. PENSION PLAN.

During 1997, the Library implemented a SIMPLE IRA pension plan for all eligible employees. Employees are eligible to participate in the plan if they received at least \$5,000 in compensation during the previous two years. Employees may defer up to \$10,000 of their gross salary into the plan. The Library will match the contribution up to 3% of the employee's salary. The Library's contribution to the plan for the year ended December 31, 2005 was \$2,156.

Note 7. RISK MANAGEMENT.

The Library is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Library has purchased commercial insurance for general liability and workers' compensation. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONCLUDED

December 31, 2005

Note 8. ADJUSTMENTS.

Amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets are different from the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet due to the following adjustment:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:

Net capital assets

\$295,265

Amounts reported for governmental activities on the Statement of Activities are different from the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances as follows:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, on the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current year:

Capital outlay Depreciation

\$35,570 (45,200)

Net adjustment

\$(9,630)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUNDS

for the year ended December 31, 2005

	Originally Adopted Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual <u>Balances</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:				
Property taxes	\$184,912	\$184.912	\$185,541	\$ 629
State aid	5,675	5,675	5,659	(16)
Penal fines	60,000	60,000	60,976	976
Interest on investments	12,151	12,151	13,655	1,504
Book sales	1,759	1,759	2,051	292
Contributions and donations	565	565	565	-
Library fines and fees	6,800	6,800	8,045	1,245
Other miscellaneous	500	500	842	342
				
Total revenue	272,362	272,362	277,334	4,972
Expenditures:				
Salaries and fringe benefits	127,500	127,500	125,718	1,782
Supplies	9,400	9,400	12,373	(2,973)
Library books and materials	32,300	32,300	29,221	3,079
Professional and contractual				
services	5,000	5,000	6,475	(1,475)
Conferences, workshops, and	2 000	2 222	2 425	
travel	3,900	3,900	3,427	473
Insurance and bonds Utilities	7,000	7,000	8,321	(1,321)
	7,200	7,200	7,271	(71)
Repairs and maintenance Capital outlay	6,000	6,000	2,669	3,331
Miscellaneous	15,000	15,000	6,349	8,651
Hiscerianeous	6,588	6,588	2,228	<u>4,360</u>
Total expenditures	219,888	219,888	204,052	15,836
Excess of revenue				
over expenditures	52,474	52,474	73,282	20,808
over expendibules	32,414	32,414	13,202	20,000
Fund balances, beginning				
of year	440,720	440,720	440,720	_
- .			110,720	
Fund balances, end of year	\$493,194	\$493,194	\$514,002	\$20,808

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Honorable Members of the New Buffalo Township Library Board New Buffalo Township Berrien County, Michigan

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of New Buffalo Township Library for the year ended December 31, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated April 21, 2006. As part of our audit, we made a study and evaluation of the Library's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluation are to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements and to assist the auditors in planning and performing their audit on the financial statements.

The objective of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgments by management.

There are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of any system of internal accounting control. In the performance of most control procedures, errors can result from misunderstanding of instructions, mistakes of judgment, carelessness, or other personal factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends upon segregation of duties can be circumvented by collusion. Similarly, control procedures can be circumvented intentionally by management either with respect to the execution and recording of transactions or with respect to the estimates and judgments required in the preparation of financial statements. Further, projection of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions and that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

New Buffalo Township Library Board April 21, 2006 Page 2

Our audit of the general purpose financial statements made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, including the study and evaluation of the Library's system of internal accounting control for the year ended December 31, 2005, that was made for the purposes set forth in the first paragraph of this report, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system because it was based on selective tests of accounting records and related data.

The conditions discussed in this report were considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit tests to be performed in the audit of the Library's general purpose financial statements, and this report of such conditions does not modify our report dated April 21, 2006.

We have made no recommendations regarding the Library's system of internal control, as it appears adequate.

Very truly yours,

Hutter & Associates, P.C.

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